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XI. MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION AND ENSURE THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF ALL MIGRANT WORKERS

1. The Commission considered agenda item 11 concurrently with items 16 and 18 (see chapters XVI and XVIII) at its 21st to 24th meetings, from 27 March to 31 March, and at its 38th meeting, on 9 April 1998. 1/

2. For the documents issued under agenda item 11, see annex IV to the present report. For a list of all resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission and Chairman's statements, by agenda item, see annex V to the present report.

3. At the 22nd meeting, on 30 March 1998, the Chairman-Rapporteur of the Working Group of Intergovernmental Experts on the Human Rights of Migrants, Mr. Jorge A. Bustamante, introduced the report of the working group on its first and second sessions (E/CN.4/1998/76).

4. In the general debate on agenda item 11, statements 2/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Bangladesh (22nd), Cape Verde (21st), Czech Republic (22nd), Ecuador (22nd), El Salvador (24th), Guatemala (24th), Mexico (22nd), Morocco (23rd), Pakistan (24th), Philippines (23rd), Republic of Korea (22nd), Ukraine (23rd).

5. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Costa Rica (21st), Egypt (22nd), Ethiopia (23rd), Turkey (22nd).

6. Statements were also made by the observers for the International Labour Organization (22nd) and the International Organization for Migration (24th).

7. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: African Association of Education for Development (24th), Centre Europe-Tiers Monde (21st), Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the Human Rights Advocates (21st), International Indian Treaty Council (21st), Movement against Racism and for Friendship among Peoples (23rd), Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (23rd), Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches (on behalf of Conference of European Churches, Lutheran World Federation, World Alliance of Reformed Churches)(21st).

8. At its 38th meeting, on 9 April 1998, the Commission took up consideration of the draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 11.

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

9. At the 38th meeting, on 9 April 1998, the representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.27, sponsored by Argentina, Chile,

Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Peru, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tunisia and Turkey. Bangladesh, Cape Verde and Portugal subsequently joined the sponsors.

10. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/15.

Migrants and human rights

11. At the 38th meeting, on 9 April 1998, the representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.28, sponsored by Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey and Uganda. Ghana, Pakistan, Senegal and Uruguay subsequently joined the sponsors.

12. In accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Commission was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications 3/ of the draft resolution.

13. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/16.

Violence against women migrant workers

14. At the 38th meeting, on 9 April 1998, the representative of the Philippines introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.30, sponsored by Bangladesh, Belgium, Cape Verde, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, South Africa and Sri Lanka. Argentina and Ecuador subsequently joined the sponsors.

15. Operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution was orally revised by the representative of the Philippines.

16. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/17.